

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

1. On page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

This application is a National Stage application of co-pending PCT application PCT/JP2005/006728 filed March 30, 2005, which was published on October 13, 2005, and which claims the benefit of Japanese patent application Serial No. 107746/2004 filed March 31, 2004.

2. Delete the paragraph beginning on page 22 line 26 and substitute the following paragraph:

The molecular weight of dissolved A $\beta$  (1-40) and A $\beta$  (1-42) ~~(1-40)~~ was confirmed to be 4329.8 and 4514.0, respectively, by mass analysis (Fig. 3).